(1) the amount spent annually in the last three years for lighting in Kunnamkulam Town;

(2) the name of the officer who is to inspect and report that lighting is satisfactorily done;

(3) whether any lamps have been lost in the last six months;

(4) whether there are any lamp posts now without lamps, and if so, how many;

(5) what is the total number of lamp posts, and whether the number of lamp posts has been increased in the last two years, and if so, how many?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— (1) Amount spent under the head in

1098....Rs. 399-9-9
1099....Rs. 472-3-6
1100....Rs. 687-3-6

(2) The Health Officer, Kunnamkulam, assisted by the Sanitary Maistry.

(3) One burner with chimney was stolen lately. The matter is now under Police investigation.

(4) There are now two lamp posts without lights which will be placed when the consignment of lamps, etc., already ordered for, arrives.

(5) The total number of lights is 54, and no increase was made in the number of lights during the last two years. There is a proposal to increase the number of lights this year.

The purchase of Ayurvedic medicines for the Allopathic Hospitals.

158. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has, as observed by him in a previous session, purchased any Ayurvedic medicines for the use of patients in Allopathic Hospitals, and if so, the exact amount he has used therefor?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is in the negative.

Meetings of the Depressed Classes Development Society.

159. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of times the Depressed Classes Development Society has met in the course of the year 1925 for discussing matters connected with the Chalakkudi Pulaya Colony and when and where such meetings were held?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government have no information.

160. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Depressed Classes Development Society submitted any request to the Government for entrusting the Society with the management of the Pulaya Colony at Chalakkudi; and if the answer is in the affirmative,

(b) whether a copy of it will be placed on the table,

(c) whether the Society had any funds before it took up the management of the Colony; and if there were no funds,

(d) the reason for entrusting the management of the Colony to a Society having no funds;

(e) what funds the Society had, if the answer to clause (b) is in the affirmative;

(f) whether the Manager of the Colony is a caste-Hindu who considers the Pulayas as untouchables;

(g) whether he resides in the Colony, and if not, how far from the Colony he lives;

(h) whether the Government has perused the following lines published in *the Malayala Manorama* of the 15th December 1925—

"ഡിപ്രസ്സ്ഡ് ക്ലാസ്സസ് ഡെവലപ്പുമേണ്ടു് സൊസയറിയേപ്പറ്റി ഇവിടെ പലരും ആദ്യമായിട്ടാണ അറിയുന്നതു്. ഇതിലെ അംഗങ്ങളിൽ പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു് മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ നേത്യാരമ്മ ശ്രീമതി വി. കെ. പാറുക്കുട്ടിഅമ്മയുടെ മകനും മലബാർ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരും, ഖജാൻജി അയാളുടെ സഹോദരി രത്നമ്മ (ഡാക്ടർപാലാട്ടിന്റെ ഭാര്യ), സിക്രട്ടരി നേത്യാരമ്മയുടെ അടുത്ത ശേഷക്കാരിയുടെ ഭർത്താവും ഇവിടത്തെ ലാറിപ്പോട്ടും മെമ്പർമാർ വേറൊരു ശേഷക്കാരിയുടെ ഭർത്താവും നിയമ സഭ സിക്രട്ടരിയും ആകുന്നു."

(i) whether the Government is aware that the facts alleged are true or not;

(j) whether the Government has contradicted or will contradict the statement, if the facts alleged in the statement are found to be incorrect, after making enquiries?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) Copy of the President's letter is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(c) The Government did not enquire.

(d) No answer is called for.

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